John Bierly House (Maude Bierly House) South side of Kentucky State Route 8 Vanceburg Vicinity Lewis County Kentucky

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#### HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

JOHN BIERLY HOUSE (Maude Bierly House)

HABS No. KY-168

Location:

Kentucky

Lewis County

vicinity Vanceburg

located on Kentucky State Route 8 between Vanceburg

and Concord

17th Congressional District

Present Owner:

Miss Maude Bierly

Route 8

Vanceburg, Kentucky (three-fourth interest)

And

Mrs. Helen Rose Applegate Kimble

Route 8

Vanceburg, Kentucky (one-fourth interest)

Present Occupant:

Same

Present Use:

Private dwelling; final acquisition and subsequent

The John Bierly House is a fine, late-nineteenth

demolition is being considered by Kentucky

Power Company, Ashland, Kentucky.

Significance:

century (1892-1893) brick farmhouse located along the Ohio River. Exhibiting a combination of contemporary urban-inspired style and traditional local form, the house is evidence of how architecture is seldom entirely vernacular or entirely academic in inspiration. Almost identical in form to its neighbors, the Fred Carr and Thomas J. Bruce (Hazel Cook) Houses, the Bierly House was constructed more than thirty years after either of them. It features the same L-shape with a formal main block and service ell. It is also two stories in height and uses the same materials, brick and cut stone. Its use of factory-produced porch elements, ceramic fireplace tiles, and Tiffany-inspired lighting fixtures indicates an awareness of architectural styles

indicates an awareness of architectural styles initiated in urban areas. The large house with its fine details and impressive array of substantial outbuildings has a prominent setting in the fertile

valley along the Ohio River.

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Built by John Bierly in 1892-1893, the house can be associated with the period of prosperity in the late nineteenth century which saw the coalescence of the Carrs community. Occupied continuously by Bierly, his sons and daughters from the date of construction to the present, the character of the house reflects the importance of this family in the community. Indicative not only of the tastes and preferences of the local elite, the house shows as well the influence of the Bierlys' more cosmopolitan outlook, which can be associated with their familial and economic ties beyond Carrs to Cincinnati and the Ohio River valley.

# PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

### A. Physical History

- 1. Date of erection: 1892-1893. The National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form provides a date of 1896. Miss Maude Bierly, present owner and occupant and daughter of John Bierly, states that her father built the house in 1892-1893 from bricks made on their farm after their earlier home, a one-and-one-half brick and frame structure located nearer the river, was washed out in the flood of 1884.
- 2. Architect: unknown; "built by John Bierly"
- 3. Original and subsequent owners: Since the Bierly family appears to have moved into Carrs prior to building the John Bierly House, the following partial chain of title begins with their first acquisition of real estate in this area in 1877. The property, known as "Home Farm", was held by John Bierly's wife Lena in partnership with their son, Charles. Deeds are filed at the Clerk's Office, Lewis County Courthouse, Vanceburg; a complete abstract of title was provided by Kentucky Power Company, Ashland, Kentucky.
  - Deed August 1877 (sic), recorded August 24, 1877 in Volume X, Page 152

    Jesse H. Stout

    To

    Lena Bierly and Charles W. Bierly

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- Deed for one-half interest September 25, 1878, recorded
  October 5, 1878
  in Volume X, Page 531
  Charles W. Bierly and Kate Bierly, his wife To
  Lena Bierly
- Deed September 23, 1879, recorded December 30, 1879 in Volume Y, Page 445

  John C. Bierly and Lena Bierly, his wife To

  Charles W. Bierly (one-half interest)
- Deed August 24, 1881, recorded May 1, 1882 in Volume 1, Page 121 Charles W. Bierly and Kate Bierly, his wife To Lena Bierly (one-half interest)
- 1918 Deed May 6, 1918, recorded May 14, 1917 in Volume 45, Page 105
  Lena Bierly
  To
  Fred C. Bierly
- Affidavit of Descent, April 29, 1947, recorded
  May 13, 1947
  in Volume 72, Page 626
  Fred C. Bierly died intestate February 6, 1947,
  property divided in equal shares among:
  Charles W. Bierly of Portsmouth, Ohio
  S. E. Bierly of Carrs
  Maude Bierly of Carrs
  Anne Bierly of Carrs
  Nell Bierly of Carrs
- 1947 Deed May 8, 1947, recorded May 13, 1947
  in Volume 72, Page 627
  Charles W. Bierly and Fannie Bierly, his wife
  To
  S. E. Bierly
  Maude Bierly
  Anne Bierly
  Nell Bierly
- 1951 Deed May 12, 1951, recorded January 18, 1952 in Volume 79, Page 54
  S. E. Bierly and Bessie L. Bierly, his wife To
  Helen Rose Applegate (one-fourth interest)

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1954 Will April 15, 1950, recorded February 8, 1854 in Volume (Wills) J, Page 489
Anna Bierly
To
Maude and Nell Bierly (three-fourth interest)

1955 Deed February 18, 1955, recorded February 19, 1955 in Volume 82, Page 234
Maude and Nell Bierly
To
Maude and Nell Bierly (survivorship)

1975 Deed December 31, 1974, recorded January 3, 1975 in Volume 123, Page 596
Maude Bierly and Nell Bierly
To
Maude Bierly and Nell Bierly (tenants-in-common only)

- 4. Original plans and construction: Original drawings and architectural plans have not been located. The two-story brick house is of L-shape with a single pile plan. The front section of the house contains two rooms per floor divided by a stair passage. The rear ell contains a dining room and kitchen on the first floor. Most of the outbuildings are contemporary with the main house. The shed to the east of the dwelling, which is presently used as a garage but was formerly their ice house, is built with bricks from the earlier house, which was washed out in the flood of 1884. The frame, detached kitchen and dining room, used in the summer, was built from the lumber formerly used in the earlier house. The bricks used to construct the 1892-93 house are said to have been made on the farm.
- 5. Alterations and additions: Alterations to the house have been remarkably insignificant. A small bathroom was added under the stairs in the first floor passage, and the kitchen has been outfitted with some modern appliances. In addition to the lack of structural alteration, the house retains many of its original furnishings, with very little furniture introduced to the house after circa 1930.

#### B. Historical Context:

Although Lewis County is considered part of eastern Kentucky, it lacks the mineral resources for which this region is generally known. The county is hilly and historically depressed, except for the rich valleys of the Ohio River and

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Kinniconick and Cabin Creeks. In the 1870s, its principal products were corn, wheat, rye, oats, horses, cattle and hogs. In the middle and late nineteenth century, cultivation of tobacco began to spread from the Bluegrass to other areas of the state. The enumeration of tobacco among the taxable wealth belonging to Fred Carr, who owned the farm immediately west of the Bierly farm, reflects the introduction of this crop to this area in the 1870s, where it rapidly assumed prominence.

The spur to coalescence of a community in this area resulted from the fortunate combination of arable land and good transportation. Although the Carrs landings were not a regular stop for packets on the Ohio River, residents flagged a vessel when a shipment of tobacco and/or livestock was ready to ship to Cincinnati, and the boat tied up at one of the landings located in front of the houses. In general, the community tended to orient itself toward the river and the small towns on the opposite side; the focus for this area was Cincinnati.

Competition between the Maysville and Big Sandy Railroad in the 1880s and river traffic generally stimulated the growth of towns along the Ohio in this period. James Stout sold an easement to the Maysville and Big Sandy in 1852, and Carr sold a second easement to the railroad in 1889, when the line was finally extended through this area. The Chesapeake and Ohio bought out the Maysville and Big Sandy and converted it primarily to a coal/freight line to serve the burgeoning steel industry in eastern Ohio. Along this stretch of the river, however, access both to the river and to surface routes invited local commercial development. Stout kept a store in this area in 1876, and Carr also kept a store and a post office in a frame building adjacent to his brick dwelling. The depot and post office near the Carr house were later moved to their location behind the John Bierly House after the track was widened. The Bierlys bought the Carr property (1918) and took the building down.

The post office had been established by 1881, and the community at this point included the Peter Taylor Chapel (1878) and the first of three school houses. A railroad depot was constructed behind the Fred Carr House, later moved to a site further up the river behind the Bierly House, where it sat among small frame houses built for the section men. A series of buildings housing a store and post office clustered among the dirt road, which bounded the original Bierly property on the east and ran down the river. Known as Carrs Lane and subsequently as Bierlys Lane, this route linked the railroad with the river.

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Construction of the John Bierly House is associated with this late nineteenth century growth based on tobacco and transportation, which resulted in the coalescence of this community. Both John Bierly and his wife Lena had been born in Ohio of German parents, and their moving to this location suggests the wider regional identification with the Ohio River valley, which transcended individual state boundaries. John Bierly is said to have moved to Carrs for his health; a businessman more than a farmer, his daughter Maude remembers him travelling frequently, leaving care of the farm to his sons. The Bierlys rapidly assumed a prominent role in the Carrs community, giving land for construction of a school house and selling land to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for construction of the Peter Taylor Chapel for the nominal fee of \$1.00 per acre in 1878. John Bierly is said to have brought the chapel's bell back from Cincinnati.

Although the family moved to this area shortly after the Civil War, references to members of the family in the Sunday School Book belonging to the Peter Taylor Chapel begin in 1892. Bierly appears in the 1900 Federal census near Frederick Carr together with his wife, three daughters and three sons; by this time, his son Charles had apparently moved away. Ten years later, his household included two sons, two daughters and a boarder, Russel Dickerson. His son Samuel E. Bierly, who later bought and occupied the neighboring Fred Carr House, rented land near his father's in 1910. The census that year noted a railroad depot, general store, nearby lumber mill, millinery shop and school in the community defined by Stout's Lane (or Carrs Lane) and the turnpike. Residents of the community voted in a small town across the ridge on Quick's Run.

Carrs appears on a 1925 geological map of the county as a railroad station surrounded by a cluster of buildings. It also appears on a 1937 state map as a cluster of buildings with a store, railroad depot, church, cemetery and school. A Works Projects Administration description of the area in 1939 noted that the communities along the Ohio River "are tiny and cluster beside the highway or along the railroad tracks". As such, Carrs can be seen to illustrate a typical settlement pattern for this part of the state in the latenineteenth through early twentieth centuries, in which the Bierlys represent a prominent local family with ties that extended beyond the immediate environs.

Members of the Bierly family have continued to live in the house. Miss Maude Bierly, who was born in 1881, still occupies the dwelling together with her niece, Mrs. Helen Rose Applegate Kimble, who grew up in the adjacent Fred Carr House.

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# PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

#### A. Ceneral Statement:

- 1. Architectural character: The form of the house suggests its Creek Revival and Romantic Revival period neighbors while the detailing suggests the Reform movements that characterized the end of the nineteenth century. In plan, the house represents a traditional local variation of a Georgian plan with a rear service ell added. In detail, the artistic impulse of the turn of the century is felt in the decorative ceramic fireplace tiles with figural and geometric designs, and in the treatment of the front door and central bay on the second floor with their small panes of colored glass surrounding a fixed central pane. The full incorporation of the rear ell into the main house is seen here as opposed to its earlier neighbors, the Fred Carr and Thomas J. Bruce (Hazel Cook) Houses. In these houses, the rear ell is semi-detached serving to clearly distinguish formal and service functions within a household. With the Bierly House, this distinction is made in a more subtle manner: in the way the decorative nature of the trim diminishes in the kitchen.
- 2. Condition of fabric: The John Bierly House is in an exceptionally good state of maintenance. In addition to being structurally sound and in good repair, the house has had relatively few alterations: these of a type not detrimental to its architectural character. The addition of a bathroom under the first floor stairs in recent years is the major change that has occurred to the house since its construction in 1892-1893.

#### B. Description of Exterior:

- 1. Over-all dimensions: The L-shaped house has a 44' facade with the main block 18' deep; the rear ell extends back 42' for a total depth of 60'; the rear ell is 18' wide.
- 2. Foundations: The foundation is of cut stone and the house has no basement.
- 3. Walls: The walls are of common bond brick which, according to the present owner, was fired on the farm.

- 4. Structural system: Brick load bearing and exterior walls.
- 5. Porches: The principal porch is that which extends from the three central bays of the five bay facade. Composed of elaborate factory turned and sawn elements, it shows evidence of East-lake influence. There are four turned posts supporting a low hipped roof covered with standing seam metal roofing. There is a frieze of spindles and sawn brackets just below the roof. There are two engaged posts at the outer sides of the second and fourth bays. A second porch is located at the junction of the rear ell and main block of the house. This porch is two stories with square posts having Italianate style brackets and a simple balustrade of square elements on the second floor level.
- 6. Chimneys: There are two interior end chimneys on the main block of the house. These chimneys have corbelled caps and bases. A simple chimney is located at the interior of the rear ell between the kitchen and dining room on the first floor plan. It has been extended vertically about eighteen inches and is otherwise plain.

# 7. Openings:

- Doorways and doors: The principal door is that on the facade. It is the central of the five bays of the first floor. The door has a cut stone sill and lintel. The door is of wood with a multi-paned upper section with clear and colored glass. There is one horizontal panel with raised central field at the lower section of the dark stained door. Small panes of pink, blue, green, yellow, or clear glass surround the large fixed central pane of clear glass. There is a brass door knob and bell. The front door opens into the center stair passage and there is a corresponding solid door at the rear of the passage. Three doors open to the east from the rear ell, one from each of three rooms. These have glazed upper sections with a single clear glass fixed pane each. At the extreme rear of the ell is an original frame section with a single exterior door of solid panelled wood. This room was designed as an enclosed porch.
- b. Windows: The facade has five bays with large one-overone pane windows. The windows have stone sills and lintels. Over the central entrance is a paired window which lights the second floor stair passage. It has two narrow windows under a continuous lintel. The

upper half of each of these paired windows has a clear central pane surrounded by multi-colored small panes as with the door below. Windows at the sides and rear of the house are of the same type as those on the facade. The east gable end of the main block is without fenestration. The west elevation has a three sided bay, one story in height at mid-point, serving the dining room.

8. Roof: The house has a low hipped roof clad in asphalt composition shingles. The original covering was probably standing seam metal roofing as is the case with the bay on the west elevation and the front porch. The roof has an architrave cornice supported by simple sawn brackets of Italianate influence. The brackets are arranged in conjunction with the fenestration on the facade (i.e. they in effect frame the bays on the facade). The brackets are mounted on a plain frieze about eighteen inches in width.

### C. Description of Interior:

#### 1. Floor Plans:

- a. First floor: The first floor has two parlors, one located to either side of the central stair passage. The dining room is located in the central portion of the rear ell and is accessible via the west parlor or from the rear of the stair passage. To the south and rear of the dining room is a kitchen and small service room which includes a secondary, service stair.
- b. Second floor: The second floor plan is basically identical to the first floor plan with the difference being the functional shift in the rooms and the insertion of a secondary passage allowing access to the rooms in the rear ell without necessitating passage through one room to another. The second floor secondary passage also opens to the second floor rear porch which may have doubled as a seasonal alternative to the bedrooms.
- 2. Stairways: The principal stair located in the center passage in the main block of the house has turned balusters and newel post of oak with twelve steps to the stair landing then four more to the second floor passage. The stair is in an Eastlake inspired style with spool like turnings on quarter round moldings applied to a reeded square newel.

- 3. Flooring: The flooring is of uniform width pine boards.
- 4. Wall and ceiling finish: The walls and ceilingrare finished with plaster applied to lath. Walls in some rooms have stylized floral designed wall paper dating to the first quarter of this century.

### 5. Openings:

- a. Doors and doorways: Doors have four raised panels each. They are set within reeded moldings with bull's eye corner blocks. The major doors have transoms with original geometric stenciled designs in reds, blues, and browns.
- b. Windows: Windows have simple reeded moldings and, like the doors, are dark stained oak or pine.

#### 6. Decorative Features and Trim:

- a. Chimneypieces: Chimneypieces are found in each of the principal rooms and vary from one to another. They are all of dark stained oak and have brackets or columns to support mantle shelves. The parlors and dining room have overmantles with beveled mirrors. Each fireplace has highly glazed ceramic tiles around the opening; in some cases the tiles are molded in stylized floral designs. The overmantles have applied foliate moldings.
- b. Baseboard: The baseboard is of dark stained oak and has a single board with a molded cap.
- 7. Hardware: Doors are hung on cast-iron butt hinges. Door knobs are of white porcelain or simply designed brass with plain back plates. Windows have relatively plain locks of cast iron.

## 8. Mechanical Equipment:

- a. Heating: Floor mounted hot air registers serve as the principal means of heating the rooms with some of the fireplaces available for burning coal.
- b. Lighting: An original hanging lamp remains in the first floor center passage. It has glass panels with acid etched designs. The dining room has an interesting chandelier with glass shades in stylized lily forms; the art glass is of the type popularized by L.C. Tiffany and is used in combination with bronze fixtures. A similar hanging lamp is found in the west parlor. Second floor lighting fixtures date to the 1920s.

c. Plumbing: The original plumbing in the house consisted of a water pump mounted in the kitchen. This remains in use today and is served by a cistern. A bathroom was added on the second floor in the first quarter of this century, with a bathroom added to the first floor in recent years.

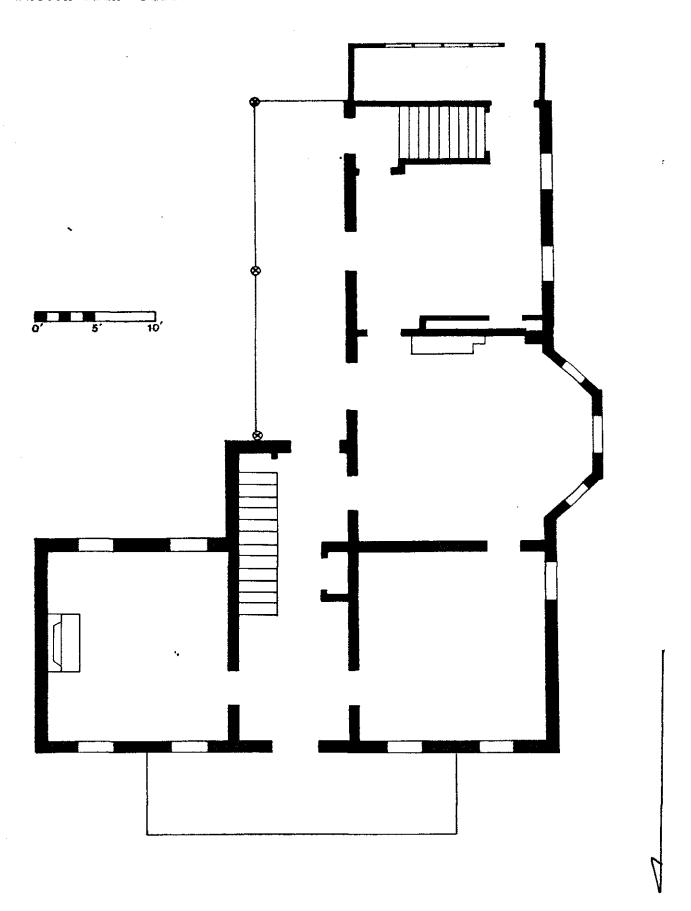
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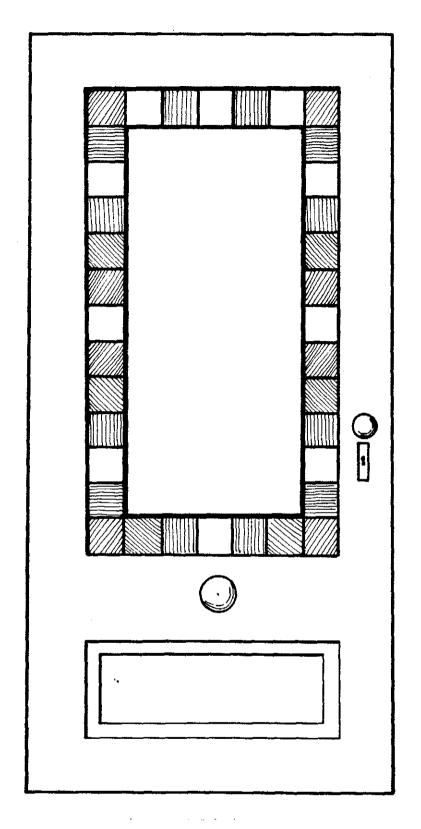
- 1. General setting and orientation: The Bierly House is located about 250' feet to the south side of Kentucky State Rte. 8 in the Ohio River valley. The house faces north across gently sloping cultivated land to the Ohio River. The house is set in a large yard with domestic outbuildings clustered to the rear and farm buildings to the east.
- 2. Historic landscape design: The large trees in the front yard and some large flowering shrubs are remnants of early landscape plantings. An iron fence at the front of the house is contemporary with the construction date of 1896. The cattle barn chicken house and extension to the garage are the only outbuildings that are not part of the original landscape. The dirt lanes leading from Rte. 8 are probably original as well.
- Outbuildings: In the domestic yard, the summer kitchen, smoke house, and wash house are all original outbuildings. The wash house is the structure closest to the main house. It is of brick and is rectangular in form with an unusual gothic arched doorway. The summer kitchen is of frame and features a basement with bulkhead entrance. The smoke house is of brick construction. The cistern is protected by four brick piers dating to the 1930s or 1940s with lattice infilling and a gable roof with wide eaves. The chicken house is a frame, shed-like structure behind the wash house. A small frame pump house is located at the rear of the domestic yard. The farm yard includes the present garage (formerly the family's ice house), the cow barn, and the tobacco barn. The large frame tobacco barn is situated about forty feet off Rte. 8 between the two dirt lanes. The cow barn is of frame and is located several hundred feet south of Rte. 8. Associated with the cow barn and located to the east gable end is a frame corn crib.

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# PART III: PROJECT INFORMATION

Federal Agency Involved: Environmental Protection Agency The American Electric Power Service Corporation (Canton, Ohio), through the Kentucky Power Company (Ashland, Kentucky) requested this documentation. They have proposed a power plant to be constructed on the site, which would impact the Thomas J. Bruce (Hazel Cook) House, the John Bierly (Maude Bierly) House, the Fred Carr House, and the Peter Taylor Chapel. The architectural and photographic components of this project were conducted in May 1982 with Elizabeth W. Anderson as Project Manager and Robert A. Warnock as Architectural Historian. Historical documentation, including oral history interviews and archival research and preparation of the final document were completed during March 1983 with Charles H. LeeDecker as Project Manager and Amy Friedlander as Historian. Messrs. Russ Coburn and Roger Wheeler of Kentucky Power Company and Messrs. Frank Ferraro and Thomas Webb of American Electric Power Service Corporation were liasons for this project.

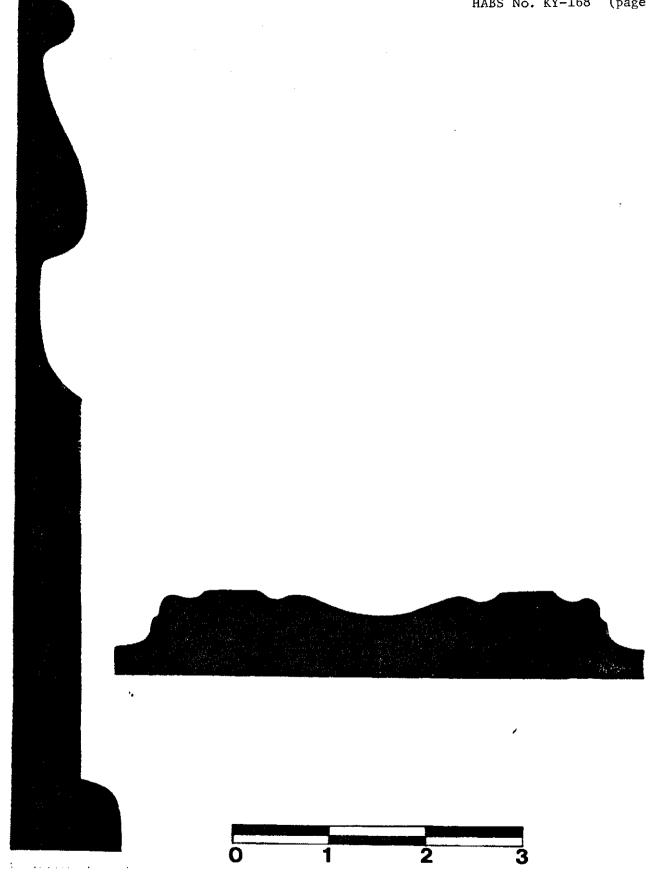




John Bierly House (Maude Bierly House) Exterior Door; North Front

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John Bierly House (Maude Bierly House) Interior Detail; molding profiles: Baseboard (shown vertically) Door/Window Surrounds (shown horizontally)

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